

[Letterhead] Commonwealth of Australia. The Senate. Melbourne 9.9.05

Dear Judge Clark,

I have to thank you most sincerely for your kind congratulations on my appointment to the Federal Cabinet. Though not perhaps all one could wish this position assigned me is one that will involve a considerable amount of work – a circumstance for which I am devoutly glad. Senators generally have [shown] themselves exceedingly well disposed towards me & I think that I can rely on a very loyal backing in the chamber. You may rest assured that I shall do my very best to [deserve] well of them of them and of the public [outside]. Again thanking you. I remain yours faithfully J [?] Keating

His Honor

[Mr] Justice Clark

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